

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government hire private security agency for guarding the `restricted area`;
- (b) if so, the number of private security guards hired in Delhi along with the reasons for hiring them during the last one year;
- (c) if not, the action initiated against the officials of DRDO Delhi for hiring services of private security agency;
- (d) whether senior Army officials are allowed to carry classified documents at homes; and
- (e) if so, the details of the relevant rules?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Forty three security guards, have been hired, including twenty five by DRDO, during the current year to perform security duties only in non-strategic and non-sensitive areas.
- (c) Services of private security agencies are hired due to scarcity of DSC platoons. Hence the question of taking action does not arise.
- (d) & (e): Under the existing rules, classified documents/files classified as Secret/Confidential are not permitted to be taken home by any officer below the rank of Joint Secretary or equivalent. Similarly, officers below the rank of Additional Secretary or equivalent are not authorized to carry Top Secret documents/files to their residences.